

# City College News

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**COSTI-IIAS Education Director Panfilo Corvetti (left) chats with George Brown instructor Pat Bowman (second from right) and English as a Second Language students in the immigrant aid agency's new facilities at 760 College Street (inset photo). George Brown and COSTI have been working together since 1970.**

## New immigrants find refuge at COSTI

It didn't surprise Pat Bowman when she recently found several Tamils enrolling in her English as a Second Language classes.

In fact, she almost expected it after hearing about the arrival in Canada of the people from Sri Lanka — including those found drifting in lifeboats off the coast of Newfoundland.

The George Brown instructor at COSTI-IIAS says she can usually find out about her next group of students by watching the news.

She knows that the war, civil and economic upheaval, racial persecution, and natural disaster in the headlines may drive people from their homes to seek refuge in Canada.

And the chances are good that those refugees who come to Toronto will be directed to the ESL classes she co-ordinates at the COSTI-IIAS Education Centre, located in a recently renovated building at 760 College St.

Her current class list at the immigrant aid and educational agency includes students from El Salvador, Iran, Vietnam, Cambodia, Ethiopia, Afghanistan, and Africa.

Students are referred and sponsored to COSTI by a number of government departments and agencies and have up to a year to learn English. While some start working right away, most continue studying in George Brown ESL upgrading or career programs, Bowman says.

But while the co-operative COSTI-IIAS/George Brown classes have a continuous year-round intake of up to 300 students, and require 12 full-time Academic Division instructors, they form only a small portion of the activity of COSTI-IIAS itself.

The non-profit organization, which has a total staff of 160, offers a wide variety of courses and services to about 11,000 students a year at more than a dozen locations around Metro Toronto.

George Brown's co-operation with COSTI started in 1970 when it took over ESL classes from the Ministry of Citizenship, and has extended since then to include work with the Academic, Industrial Training Divisions and the Test Centre.

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## Ontario training funds are doubled

The provincial government is doubling the amount it spends on skills training and launching a number of new and revamped programs.

The Ontario Training Strategy, made public in September by Skills Development Minister the Hon. Gregory Sorbara, increases annual spending to \$100 million in areas such as academic upgrading or adults, on-the-job training, and apprenticeship.

The Strategy aims to increase the productivity and international competitiveness of Ontario businesses through a better educated workforce.

More than 60 per cent of the \$100 million is being directed towards workplace training in the private sector and a new corps of training consultants to advise businesses. The rest of the money will be spent on upgrading programs, skilled-trades training, and an Institute for Skills Training.

While the ultimate effect of the Strategy at George Brown in terms of student population or revenue is uncertain, it will affect the work of the Academic, Industrial Training and Technology Divisions.

- The Training in Business and Industry (TIBI) program of the Industrial Training Division has been replaced by an Ontario Skills program that provides funding for private companies that offer training. The new program encourages training in small business.

- Industrial Training Consultants of the Division are being retrained to act as consultants in the Ontario Skills Development Office being established at the College.

- The Technical Upgrading Program (TUP) offered by the Academic Division at Casa Loma has been replaced by the Ontario Basic Skills program under the Strategy. The new academic upgrading program for adults includes more counselling and career orientation than TUP, and offers daycare, transportation and accommodation subsidies for students.

- A new Trades Updating program will provide workers in skilled trades with the opportunity to upgrade their skills in short courses offered at community colleges.



## Comment by Doug Light

### An upbeat mood

In a few weeks, I'll have met with staff in Divisions and Departments across the College. These aren't formal meetings. Apart from a short talk on general College developments, the discussion reflects the interests and activities of the staff involved.

From the meetings to date, I've gained a new appreciation for the expertise and dedication of our staff and a sense that a more upbeat mood is prevailing this fall.

There are several reasons for this new mood: a new government at Queen's Park that is open to experimentation, a new faculty contract that encourages professional development, and 70 new faculty members this fall with fresh industry experience and new ideas. These, and other structural changes in College operations, are creating an exciting climate where flexibility, creativity and initiative are valued.

This vitality is reflected in concrete terms by the large number of projects and new initiatives underway this fall. Here are just a few examples:

- The Community Outreach Department, under Chairperson Terry Dance, has established ties with 17 community agencies and groups so far — and more are in the works.

- Bob French in the Electro-Mechanical Department is working on an exciting distance learning project.

- Bryan Gregg of the Innovation Centre has been working with the Student Administrative Council at St. James to open a boutique in the atrium.

- International Outreach under Alex O'Reilly is gaining momentum with a recent twinning agreement with a university in China.

- A two-year General Arts and Science program will be offered by the Academic Division for the first time this February.

- Negotiations are underway for more off-campus, College-run daycare centres following Pam Doyle-Easton's success with Waterpark Place.

- And last, but not least, our new hospitality building is rising quickly out of the hole in the ground on Adelaide Street.

This incomplete list indicates the scope of our efforts, and hints at the opportunities and challenges that await us.

George Brown is an exciting place to be.

## Arts and Science program established

Starting in February, students will be able to enrol in a George Brown post-secondary program that doesn't prepare them for a specific career.

The General Arts and Science program is designed to give students a broad-based education with an emphasis on communication skills that prepares students for a variety of vocations.

In fact, the two-year program — which will be offered at St. James by the Academic Division — is expected to attract some students who want to continue their education but don't have a particular career in mind, says Dean Ray Santin.

GAS will allow them to sample a large number of subjects and help them chart a career path, he says.

"There's a significant career-orientation component."

The first two semesters of the program include required courses in communications, mathematics, philosophy, computer science, history, psychology and biology. The last two semesters have only four required courses in communications, sociology and public speaking with options in French, economics, English and a number of other subjects.

Students may transfer to other career-related programs after the first year, or students from other programs could move into GAS, Santin says.

Graduates of the program could find work in clerical or sales positions or

in businesses with internal training programs.

In unrelated developments, several new programs financed under the Canadian Jobs Strategy of the federal government are underway:

- **Office Software Operator** is a 26-week program for 14 employment disadvantaged adults being offered co-operatively by the George Brown College Foundation and the Centre for Advancement in Work and Living (CAWL). Training is carried out by CAWL and students receive George Brown Certification on graduation, under the terms of the agreement worked out by the Community Outreach Department.

- **Microcomputer Applications Training** is a 10-week program for physically-disabled adults offered co-operatively by George Brown and the Ontario March of Dimes. Under the terms of the agreement worked out by the Community Outreach Department, students receive George Brown certification on graduation.

- **Improving Communications in the Hospitality Industry** is a special pilot course organized by the Industrial Training Division and sponsored by Ministry of Citizenship and Culture. Its two 40-hour courses are designed to train 15 people in cross-cultural communication who work as managers and supervisors in the hospitality industry.

## COSTI programs extend beyond ESL

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backing, we give (our students) the social backing," says COSTI-IIAS Education/Employment Director Panfilo Corvetti.

While COSTI-IIAS is an abbreviation for an Italian name that can be roughly translated as the Italian Institute Technical School Organization Centre and the Italian Immigrant Aid Society, the organization has served all ethnic groups since the mid-1960s.

COSTI aims to integrate immigrants into the community, in part by working with other institutions and agencies, Corvetti says.

"The philosophy of COSTI is to use existing facilities rather than duplicating them."

COSTI works with several government departments at federal, provincial and municipal levels, the education boards of Toronto, York, North York and Scarborough, and is sponsored by the United Way of Greater Toronto and York Region, the Cities of Toronto and York and

the governments of Italy and Portugal.

Founded in 1962 by Father Joseph Corraro to orient Italian immigrants to the trades in Canada, COSTI soon expanded its mandate and started offering federally-sponsored ESL classes in 1964.

While those classes are still an important part of COSTI's educational offerings, it also has language courses in English, Italian, Portuguese, skill training courses in blueprint reading, dressmaking, digital electronics, machine shop, typing and welding, and special citizenship and orientation programs for immigrants.

COSTI's multi-lingual staff is also heavily involved in counselling, assessment and work placement services and has developed programs such as OUTLET (Outreach Leading to Employment and Training) and CYCLE (Centre for Youth Counselling Leading to Employment) to respond to community needs.

The organization has also established centres for rehabilitation training and family counselling.

# Events

**Oct. 22** — George Brown Theatre students present Shakespeare's funniest love scenes in *This Can't be Love*, a musical written, compiled, and directed by Heinrich Piller. Preview tonight at 8 p.m. Shows on Oct. 23, 24, 25 at 8 p.m., with matinees at 2:30 p.m. on Oct. 25 and 26. 530 King St. E. Tickets \$5. Call 368-2302 for reservations.

**Oct. 23** — College Council Meeting, 8:30 a.m., MacPherson Boardroom.

**Oct. 24** — Ad Hoc Committee on the Canadian Jobs Strategy presents: a one-day *Community Conference on the Canadian Jobs Strategy*, 9 a.m. — 3 p.m., 519 Church St., Toronto. Speakers include Community Outreach Chairperson Terry Dance. \$5 fee. Call Brian Conway (657-8777) to register.

- A George Brown team participates in a 6-hour Aerobathon at Humber College to raise money for College athletics and the Ontario College Athletic Association. For information call the Athletics Department (ext. 3281).

- George Brown Alumni Basketball Tournament, 8 p.m., St. James Gym.

**Oct. 24-27** — George Brown hosts the annual conference of the Ontario Coalition for Better Daycare, Casa Loma Campus. Speakers include the Hon. John Sweeney, Ontario Minister of Community and Social Services.

**Oct. 27** — Canvassing for George Brown's United Way campaign — with a goal this year of \$19,000 — starts today and continues until Nov. 7.

**Oct. 29** — The Community Outreach Department sponsors a one-day workshop: *Lobbying and Advocacy Techniques*, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., Casa Loma Auditorium. Speakers include Professor Desmond Morton, Principal of Erindale College, University of Toronto, and Gordon Cressy, President of the United Way of Greater Toronto; \$10 fee. Call Grizelis Schanderl (ext. 2248) for information.

- Men's basketball vs Seneca, 8 p.m., St. James Gym.

**Oct. 30** — Academic Council Meeting, 8:30 a.m., MacPherson Boardroom.

- Professional Development Seminar for teachers and counsellors of the Metro Separate School Board, 4 — 7 p.m., Casa Loma Auditorium. Contact Mary Bruno (ext. 2287) for information.

**Nov. 1** — Women's Volleyball Tournament, 9:30 a.m., St. James Gym.

**Nov. 4** — Table Tennis Tournament, 4:30 p.m., St. James Atrium.



Toronto Mayor Art Eggleton (left) and Campeau Corporation Vice-President David Stewart release balloons (to the delight of 18-month-old Morgan McDougall-Milne) marking the official opening of the College-run daycare at Waterpark Place on Sept. 25. The new Campeau-owned office building on Bay Street and Queen's Quay is one of the first in the city with on-site daycare.

**Nov. 5** — Volleyball tournament for staff at MacPherson, 4:30 p.m., Casa Loma Gym. Call Alex Barbier (ext. 3280) for information or if you want to participate but don't belong to a team.

- Women's Volleyball vs Niagara College, 6 p.m., St. James Gym.

- Men's Basketball vs Humber College, 8 p.m., St. James Gym.

**Nov. 13** — Academic Council Meeting, 8:30 a.m., MacPherson Boardroom.

**Nov. 13-15** — Humber College conference: *Quest for Quality*, Westin Hotel, Toronto. Speakers include Dr. John Rouse, Director of the Community College Leadership Program, University of Texas at Austin, and Dr. Patricia Cross, Chairperson of the Department of Education Administration, Harvard University. \$325 fee. Call 675-5077 for information.

**Nov. 14** — Men's Basketball vs Conestoga College, 8 p.m., St. James Gym.

# Names in the News

The Personnel Office has told us of the following staff changes:

New faculty include: **William Basztyk** and **Bonnie Palmer** in the Business Division; **Katherine Baur** in the Academic Division at Kensington; **Salih Bukey**, **Doina Roberts**, **Nina Triger** and **John Luckman** in the Academic Division at Casa Loma; **Kevin Desrues**, **Tom Malcolmson**, **Calvin Shaw**, **Bernhard Gaidosch**, and **Ronald Walde** in the Academic Division at St. James; **Anita Beardwood**, **Dan Blocka**, **Beau Kent**, **Natalia Leeson-Cooke**, and **Mike Vakalis** in Health Sciences at Casa Loma; **Marianne Wilson** in Health Sciences at Nightingale; **Diane Bergeron**, **Jane Bertrand**, **Karen Chandler**, **Pamela King**, **Joan Malcolmsen**, **Gregory Morrow**, **Angela Nmezi**, **Georgia Quartaro** in Community Services at Nightingale; **James Best**, **David Lefevre**, **Kenneth Lendor**, **Danny Mousmanis**, **Pat Tomaino** and **John Wills** in the Technology Division at Casa Loma; **Pat Bilsland**, **Nancy Fletcher**, **Janice Gash**, **Lea Jukes**, **Doreen Mabee**, **Sylvia Rodgers**, **Kathleen Shilton**, **Penelope Vernon**, **Ann Stirling**, **Quita Stuart** and **Frances Tufts** in Health Sciences at St. James; **Jayne Brennan**, **Susan Brown**, **Russel Cooper**, **Maria Gozzi**, **Keith Yeates** and **Jean-Yves Vendeville** in Hospitality at Kensington; **Aldo Covello**, **Elve Foote**, **Noreen McGibney**, **Paul Moreton** and **Jennifer Stellings** in Graphic Arts; **Clive Khan**, **Fay Schwartz**, **Peter Topping** and **Miles Williams** in Fashion at Kensington; and **William Robson** in Fashion at Casa Loma.

New support staff appointments include: **Laura Bryan** in Hospitality; **Aurelia Di Santo**, **Filomena Furtado**, **Mary Gordon**, **Louise Jupp**, **Elizabeth Mowat** and **Christina Ward** in Community Services at Waterpark Place; **Donna Durett** and **Nicolette Klemoff** in the Registrar's Office; **Steven Graham** in Food Services at MacPherson; **Richard Grayston** in Physical Resources at Kensington; **Sam Iannuzzi** in the Mechanical Department at Kensington; **Barbara McQuarrie** and **Gilda Nobrega** in Industrial Training; **Maria Notarangelo** in the Student Services Department at MacPherson; **Bhowan Persaud** in Computer Services; **Elizabeth Schiks** in Community Services at Kensington.



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*Chris Wengle (left) of the Driver Training Department at Cherry Street gets a few computer tips from Technician Earl Aslin at the opening of the renovated Staff Computer Centre on Sept. 30. Wengle says while her computer experience has been limited so far to trying one at Florida's Epcot Centre ("It was voice-activated.") she looks forward to working on one of the machines. "It fascinates me," she says. Staff can use the Centre's seven microcomputers with printers and library of software daily from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., or can borrow equipment. Centre staff, who include Brenda Bennett and Tim Mitchell, provide individual and group help and computer consultation. The Centre is located in Room E-225, 146 Kendal Ave., Casa Loma Campus and can be reached at exts. 2389 and 2390.*

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Internal Transfers include: **Michael Bennett**, who has rejoined faculty of the Technology Division at Casa Loma from an adult counselling position; **Randa Farah**, who left a support position in Student Services at MacPherson for one in Industrial Training at St. James; **Sandra Gregoris**, who joined the Registrar's Department from Student Services; **Moiz Kaderbhai**, who left the Systems Department at MacPherson for a support position in the Business Division; **Shawn Kirkup**, who left the Finance Department for a temporary position in the Registrar's Office; **John Layton**, who transferred from a faculty position in the Academic Division at Casa Loma to one in the Technology Division; **Ella McCullough**, who left President's Office staff for a administrative position with the Innovation Centre; **Robert McLaughlin**, who transferred from a faculty post in Technology to one in adult counselling; **Eric McLennan**, who moved from a support to a faculty position in the Hospitality Division; **Gino Rossi**, who left a position with Casa Loma Admissions for a support position in the Hospitality Division; **Gurdip Sabharwal**, who transferred from a support position in the Physical Resources Department at Kensington to a faculty position in the Technology Division at Casa Loma; **Tomasso Tomassi**, who left a adult counselling position to rejoin faculty in the Technology Division at Casa Loma; **Juliette Villari**, who left Admissions at Casa Loma for a support position with the Academic Division at Casa Loma; **Peter Wan**, who left a Student Services position to return to a faculty post in the Technology Division; **Brenda Yip**, who left the Registrar's Office for a position in the Industrial Training Division; and **Robert Young**, who transferred from the Staff Computer Centre to faculty in the Technology Division at Casa Loma.

Name changes include: **Laura Lothian**, who is now **Laura Lothian-Bryant**; and **Marie Walker**, who is now **Marie Snyder**.

Retiring from the College are **Marian Dulas**, from the Campus Manager's Office at Casa Loma, and **George Lake**, from the Caretaking Department at St. James.

Leaving the College are: **Kim Cameron**, **Estrella Franco**, **Emmy Nakay**, and **Jeanne Tedder**.